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10                  *Administrator of the Wildfire Assistance Program*

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12                  **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**  
13                  **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
14                  **SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

15                  **In re:**

16                  **PG&E CORPORATION**

17                  **- and -**

18                  **PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC  
19                  COMPANY,**

20                  **Debtors.**

21                   Affects PG&E Corporation  
22                   Affects Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
23                   Affects Both Debtors

24                  This Document Relates to All Cases

25                  Bankruptcy Case  
26                  No. 19-30088

27                  Chapter 11  
28                  (Lead Case)  
29                  (Jointly Administered)

30                  **QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE  
31                  ADMINISTRATOR OF THE WILDFIRE  
32                  ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

33                  **Related Docket Nos.: 2223 and 2409**

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35                  **QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR**

36                  Cathy Yanni, the court-appointed Administrator of the Wildfire Assistance Program hereby  
37                  submits her second Quarterly Report pursuant to this Court's *Supplemental Order (A) Approving*  
38                  *Appointment of Administrator and Establishing Guidelines for the Wildfire Assistance Program and*  
39                  *(B) Granting Related Relief*, dated June 5, 2019 [Docket No. 2409] (the "Appointment Order").

40                  This Quarterly Report provides an update on the status of the Administrator's work for the fourth  
41                  quarter of 2019, ending on December 31, 2019 (the "Reporting Period").

1       A. **BACKGROUND.**

2           On October 8, 2017, multiple fires began spreading throughout Northern California.  
3           Collectively, the Atlas, Adobe, Blue, Cascade, Cherokee, Honey, LaPorte, Lobo, Macaama,  
4           McCourtney, Nuns, Norrbom, Partrick, Pocket, Point, Pressley, Pythian, Redwood, Sulphur, Tubbs,  
5           and “37” fires (“2017 Wildfires”) burned over 245,000 acres and destroyed an estimated 8,900  
6           structures. On November 8, 2018, another wildfire began near Paradise, California (together with  
7           the 2017 Wildfires, the “2017 and 2018 Wildfires”), burning over 153,300 acres and destroying  
8           more than 13,900 residences. The Camp Fire in Paradise is the deadliest and most destructive fire  
9           in California history.

10           On May 1, 2019, Pacific Gas & Electric Company (“PG&E”) filed a motion to establish a  
11           \$105 million fund (the “Wildfire Assistance Fund”) to provide relief from the financial stress and  
12           burden for those who lost their homes due to the 2017 and 2018 Wildfires (“Wildfire Claimants”).  
13           The Court approved the motion on May 23, 2019, and appointed Cathy Yanni as the Administrator  
14           of the Wildfire Assistance Program on June 5, 2019. The Program is intended to provide financial  
15           assistance to Wildfire Claimants who are in the most need. The Appointment Order requires the  
16           Administrator to “prepare and, within 30 days after the end of a quarterly period (or such longer  
17           period as may be agreed to by the Administrator and the Committees or as authorized by Court  
18           order), file quarterly reports with the Court and serve such reports on counsel to the Debtors and the  
19           Committees. These reports shall include (i) the number of applications submitted to and processed  
20           by the Wildfire Assistance Program during the preceding quarter, and (ii) an account of the receipts  
21           and disbursements from the Wildfire Assistance Fund during the preceding quarter.” The  
22           Administrator filed her first Quarterly Report on October 28, 2019 with a status of her work from  
23           June 5, 2019 through October 25, 2019.

1           **B. ACTIVITIES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.**

2           Pursuant to the Appointment Order, the Administrator continued to fulfill her duties to  
3 ensure the fair and equitable distribution of the Wildfire Assistance Fund consistent with the  
4 principles and guideline as established by the Court. Specifically, the Administrator applied the  
5 Eligibility Criteria filed with the Court on August 15, 2019 [Docket No. 3556] to identify and issue  
6 payments to eligible Wildfire claimants.

7           **1. Communication with Claimants.**

8           **(a) Public Website and Social Media.**

9           Claimants continued to interact with the informational mobile-friendly public website,  
10 [www.NorCalWildfireAssistanceProgram.com](http://www.NorCalWildfireAssistanceProgram.com), during the Reporting Period. There have been over  
11 247,000 unique visits to the website, 74% of which come from users on mobile devices, since the  
12 Administrator launched the website in July 2019. Claimants have accessed the mobile version of  
13 the online portal over 184,000 times to obtain Program information, submit a claim, and/or receive  
14 claim status updates.

15           In addition to the public website, the Administrator maintains a Facebook page to share  
16 program information with the public. Over 14,000 visits to the website have originated from links  
17 posted on social media sites (*i.e.*, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn), including direct clicks  
18 from the Program's Facebook page and from social media pages operated by local community  
19 members, agencies, and organizations.

20           **(b) Dedicated Call Center and Email Inbox.**

21           BrownGreer operates a Call Center with a toll-free phone number and dedicated email  
22 address for claimants and attorneys to contact the Wildfire Assistance Program with questions and  
23 to receive claim filing assistance. The Call Center is staffed with 28 trained, live agents Monday  
24 through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. PT. The Call Center has handled over 30,000 calls since  
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1 BrownGreer opened its Call Center in August 2019, with 17,097 occurring during the Reporting  
2 Period. During the fourth quarter this included outreach to approximately 4,800 claimants to resolve  
3 document deficiencies on submitted claims, as well as to assist claimants in finalizing their  
4 incomplete claim submissions.

5 BrownGreer maintains a dedicated email inbox allowing claimants, lawyers, and others to  
6 email the Wildfire Assistance Program. BrownGreer monitors the inbox seven days a week,  
7 providing quick responses to claimants' questions and following up with calls to discuss any  
8 particularly complex issues. When necessary, inquiries sent to the inbox are answered directly by  
9 the Administrator.

10 Claimants and lawyers also have emailed and called the Administrator and BrownGreer staff  
11 directly requesting assistance and have received responses in less than 24 hours.

12 **2. Claims Submission.**

13 The deadline to submit WAP Claim Forms was November 15, 2019. The Administrator  
14 worked with BrownGreer to provide a secure mobile-friendly online portal for claimants to  
15 complete a single Claim Form for both Basic Unmet Needs and Supplemental Unmet Needs claims.  
16 The Administrator allowed the portal to remain open for claimants to submit Claim Forms until  
17 December 31, 2019 to align with the deadline to file Proof of Claim Forms in the PG&E bankruptcy  
18 litigation. Over 2,000 claims were started online between November 15, 2019, and December 31,  
19 2019. The WAP will not accept new claims or updates to existing claims after January 31, 2020.  
20 Claimants may still use the online portal to check the status of their claims or respond to Deficiency  
21 Notices.

22 **3. WAP Claims Review and Processing.**

23 In November 2019, the Administrator evaluated the status of the Program, including the  
24 number of eligible Basic Unmet Needs claims at that time, and determined that there were sufficient  
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1 dollars in the Wildfire Assistance Fund to disburse an additional Basic Unmet Needs Payment to  
2 all eligible claimants, with renters receiving an additional \$1,000 for a total of \$3,500 and owners  
3 an additional \$2,000, totaling \$7,000 per Owner Household. The Administrator worked with  
4 BrownGreer to disburse these additional payments to eligible claimants who had received Basic  
5 Unmet Needs payments as of December 13, 2019 and ensured that claimants received the additional  
6 payments before the holidays. Claimants who the Administrator determined were eligible after  
7 December 13, 2019 received the full amounts of \$3,500 for renters and \$7,000 for owners.  
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9 The Administrator updated the Frequently Asked Questions documents on the informational  
10 public website to explain the additional payments and full amounts for claimants with eligible  
11 determinations after December 13, 2019.  
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### 13 C. **CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS.**

#### 14 1. Basic Unmet Needs Claims

15 As of December 31, 2019, 17,625 claimants had submitted complete claim forms for Basic  
16 Unmet Needs claims to the Wildfire Assistance Program, and 3,658 claimants started but had not  
17 fully submitted their claim forms. The Wildfire Assistance Program has conducted outreach to the  
18 population of claimants who have not fully submitted their claim forms to assist those claimants in  
19 finalizing their claims for review. Of the 17,625 claimants who submitted complete claim forms,  
20 the Administrator determined 12,414 (85%) to be eligible for payment. Since issuing its first  
21 payment on August 28, 2019, the Program has issued claimant payments totaling \$61,732,000.  
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23 Table 1 shows receipts and disbursements from the Wildfire Assistance Fund.

<b>Table 1. Fund Receipts and Disbursements</b>		
	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$105,656,010.03</b>
	(a) Settlement Fund	\$105,000,000.00

1	(b) Interest Earned	\$656,010.03
2	<b>2. Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$63,962,085.10</b>
3	(a) Payments to Eligible Claimants	\$61,732,000.00
4	(b) Administrative Expenses	\$2,230,085.10
5	<b>3. Remaining Funds to Disburse</b>	<b>\$41,693,924.93</b>

6 Of the 21,283 claims received by the Program, 12,473 claimants report that they are  
 7 represented by a lawyer (59%) and 8,810 do not report being represented by any lawyer (41%).  
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9 **2. Supplemental Unmet Needs Claims.**

10 The Wildfire Assistance Program has received 3,500 Supplemental Unmet Needs claims.  
 11 The Administrator began to evaluate these claims during the week of November 11, 2019 and  
 12 anticipates the completion of allocation and payment of these claims within the first quarter of  
 13 2020.

14 **D. FUTURE EFFORTS.**

15 The Wildfire Assistance Program will continue to review Basic and Supplemental Unmet  
 16 Needs claims until all filed claims have been evaluated to a final determination. The Administrator  
 17 will continue issuing payments on a weekly basis until all eligible claims have been paid.  
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19 **E. CONCLUSION.**

20 The Administrator will continue to perform her responsibilities and duties consistent with  
 21 the Appointment Order and all other directives of this Court and will issue her next quarterly report  
 22 in accordance with the Appointment Order.

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 24 Dated: January 31, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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 26 */s/ Cathy Yanni*

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28 Administrator, Wildfire Assistance Program